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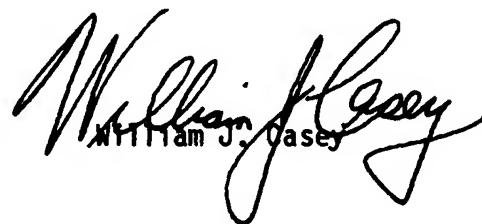
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director
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FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
 SUBJECT: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

During my absence 9 - 14 October 1986, Deputy Director Robert M. Gates will be the Acting Director of Central Intelligence and shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Director as provided by the National Security Act.


 William J. Casey

cc: Senior Duty Officer, Operations Center

NOTE: This memorandum supersedes the 1 October memo on this subject (ER 86-4481) and is occasioned by a change in DCI travel plans.

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Talking Points for DCI as Statutory Member of NASC

1. As a member of NASC the Director of Central Intelligence can:

-- Bridge the communications gap that has existed between various components of our national space program components. [redacted]

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-- Provide information on the civilian space programs of other countries, including competitive, economic information and future development plans. [redacted]

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-- DCI can add a perspective that did not exist on the previous NASC. The intelligence mandate of the CIA includes economic, industrial, social and political intelligence. In addition we have a world wide mandate for narcotics and terrorism intelligence besides military intelligence. The Secretary of Defense does not represent the Intelligence Community interests; it is the DCI. [redacted]

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-- Since the NASC is given such broad authority: (1) develop comprehensive programs for all agencies, (2) designate and fix responsibility, (3) provide for effective cooperation among all depts and agencies and (5) resolve differences among all agencies; failure to include DCI would constitute a major representational gap in view of the fact that the DCI is a major player in the national space program. In addition, if such a major component of the space program is not a member of the council, the President could choose to play down the signifigance of the work of the council. [redacted]

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